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2427: SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has made any efforts to sensitize the staff working in the Ministry of Culture about the cultural milieu of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

b) whether the Government has planned anything on the lines of one week programme as recommended in the High Power Committee Report;

c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

d) the salient points of the recommendations of the report of High Power Committee (HPC) on the cultural institution academies;

e) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations of the HPC; and

f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for rejection of recommendations, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

ANSWER

(a) to (c) : High Powered Committee (HPC), constituted by the Ministry of Culture to review the constitution as well as the working of Akademies/Institutions under Ministry of Culture, has recommended that all the staff of the Ministry should undergo at least a one week programme at the Centre for Cultural Resources & Training (CCRT) to make them alive to our cultural milieu. The programme should include a brief introduction to art and aesthetics, to the performing arts, to the variety in our cultural ethos and to the requirements of cultural administration. The trainees must understand the expectations that creative artistes would have of the Ministry, appreciate our own tangible and intangible heritage, and be introduced to global cultural trends. Such a course every two years should cover all officials of the MOC, including officers.

This recommendation of the HPC has been accepted in principle by the Ministry and it has been decided that the staff of the Ministry will be deputed to CCRT for one week's training.

(d) : The HPC has made recommendations touching out the basic issue of structure and procedures in the Institutions under the Ministry of Culture. The Committee has recommended that a special effort must be made by the Ministry of Culture towards fostering a sense of purpose and camaraderie amongst all the institutions and that adequate funds must be provided for the maintenance of cultural institutions.

(e) & (f) : Government has not accepted all the recommendations as some of the recommendations made by the HPC are already taken care of in the existing rules and procedures in the Government.

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